

Library Board Meeting Minutes 5/17/12

Attending

Rick Speer, Art Turley, Phil Isaacson, Margaret Craven, John Painter, Marcia Huffman - APL Trustee

1. Approval of minutes of 4/12/2012 meeting
Minutes were approved after review and no corrections.

2. Friends of LPL Report—Anne Kemper, President
Rick provided update of Friends of LPL.

3. Library Director's report

Rick distributes the Directors report in hard copy (it had not been included with three attachments Rick sent out in advance of this Board meeting) and indicates he can provide electronic report for this and future meetings. Of particular note Rick outlines summer expansion of the Children's Department due to some opportunities created by Bates students through the Harward Center. Rick outlines work done with LA Arts and future collaboration over the year.

Rick then opens discussion resulting from last months assault at APL and how to manage safety for staff and patrons, particularly when dealing with minors. The was discussion about staff and patron safety, differentiating children's behavioral challenges and adults including behavioral health. The discussion surrounded whether giving information to APL for minor infractions, e.g. a person being suspended should be shared even within the city attorneys guidelines. The Board reviewed an email from the city attorney to Rick on how to apprise APL of major infraction events and people who have committed them which stays within confidentiality e.g. for minors. Art asked if LPL's infraction sheet might be shared with APL. Phil asked if sharing such information would have any value for APL, Rick indicated he did not think in most cases. John asked about whether a threat would constitute warning APL, Phil comment that a threat is clear and should be communicated. Rick feels that LPLs current procedures are likely appropriate.

4. Final evaluation of FY2012 Objectives

Rick gave a synopsis of objectives progress, following the objectives sheet and discussed some objectives he felt needed some additional discussion. he updated that they are currently working on moving data from the old DOS system to current we based system, Art agreed and they noted that Jake Paris is working on this. Margaret asked in response to Rick about applicability of a particular book reach project, Rick suggested that it might be a children's room activity and not book reach. Rick discussed

that there remains a number of patrons who are unaware that they may use their library card for downloading eBooks, music, etc this is an ongoing other. We discussed the free parking or lack of as the result of decisions by the City Council and how it may effect the library, there was some concern about not having free space next to the library especially for disabled, elderly patrons. Rick discussed why some objectives are addressed before other

5. APL/LPL monthly Board Meeting review and report

Art gave a synopsis of last evenings APLs Board meeting, which covered work place safety, use of iPads, and going into executive session.

6. Old Business

Discussed the film group meeting this morning at APL

Joint APL/LPL Film Program Committee Report

John and Rick give quick update from this mornings meeting.

Elected Officials Reception Committee Report

On hold according Rick.

Board vacancy

Rick has spoken to the individual who might be interested in joining the board.

New business

John discusses his recent election to LA Arts Board and asks, since both LPL and APL can appoint a Trustee to their Board whether he might be so appointed. Phil gave some suggestion on how to proceed should there be any potential conflict in a vote within their aboard, but otherwise felt it was appropriate. Margerate motioned to appoint John, there was further discussion and he was so appointed.

Phil brings to the attention of the Board and Rick an issue with Callahan and the space's PA system not being sufficient to hear a guest. He was very concerned that the library systems need to be working when a guest is using the space otherwise it comes across poorly. Rick will address with his staff.